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Descriptive List

of

New Irises

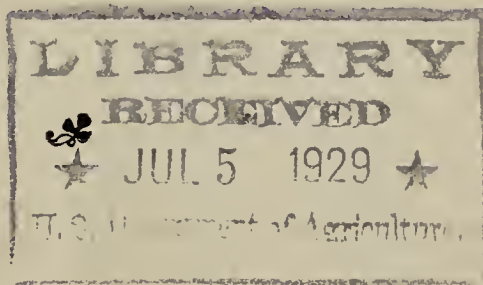
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Many years of Iris breeding as a hobby and recreation, with an artist's appreciation of fine form and love of beautiful color as a guide to selection, has resulted, not unnaturally, in a few choice things. Some of these have found favor in many gardens from Maine to California and are well received abroad. These modest successes, such as they are, bring many a pleasant letter to the breeder's desk and so necessitate the re-issuing of a brief Descriptive List to include the more recent productions and to serve as an aid to friendly intercourse.

Capitalized color terms are those of the Ridgway Color Chart and represent very accurate determinations.

COPPERSMITH—H.M., A.I.S., 1926—Of Ambassadeur type but very distinct, large flowered and tall. Standards Purple Drab to Cinnamon Drab. Falls Mahogany Red reticulations on haft passing to solid Indian Lake, Dahlia Carmine and Schoenfeldt's Purple, a rich red velvet in the sun. Flower of heavy substance, fine flaring form and exceptional finish. One of the best.

ELAINE—A beautiful Pallida self of the type of Mme. Cheri but lighter and brighter, its Purplish Lilac and Ageratum Violet flushed Baryta Yellow at center of flower and further lit up by the rich Cadmium Yellow beard. A silken-sheened combination of yellow and violet where both colors have remained clear and beautiful. Up to 42 inches.

JULIA MARLOWE—First Prize, A.H.S., 1923—A stately flower with Chinese Violet standards and Raisin Purple falls, producing a glowing, far carrying, pink and red effect in the sun. Flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches high and 3 inches wide. Fragrant. Over 40 inches. Rivals Morning Splendor for first place in the esteem of many visitors to the garden. Quality of color unexcelled.

L'AIGLON—H.M., A.I.S., 1924—Of the type of Ambassadeur but redder toned and with broader falls. Standards Livid Purple to Cinnamon Drab at center of flower. Falls Schoenfeldt's Purple (almost a pure red) with darker velvety reflexes and bordered $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch with Argyle Purple and a dark thread edge. Large flowered. Over 3 feet. Less yellow than Sequoiah.

MAORI PRINCESS—Richest colored of all variegatas, deeper than Marsh Marigold and much larger and taller than Maori King. Standards Empire Yellow. Falls Burnt Lake richly bordered with Empire Yellow. Aristocratic form. Height 27 to 30 inches.

MORNING SPLENDOR—H.M., A.I.S., 1922—Bronze Medal, Washington, 1926; Silver Medal, Garden Club of America, 1926. This splendid variety is all that its name implies, and when planted where the low-lying sun may be seen through it presents a splendor unsurpassed in the Iris world. The colors are Petunia Violet and Raisin Purple, which yield a most glowing red effect by transmitted light. Flowers are large, of fine form, heavy substance and delightful fragrance, and are borne on tall, strong stems. An excellent variety in every respect and among the very best. Morning Splendor is destined to find its way eventually into every Iris Garden where quality is appreciated and fortunately it appears to do well wherever grown, as indicated by the following expressions from widely varied localities:

"Morning Splendor created quite a sensation at the show here."—Va.

"Morning Splendor took every one by storm."—Conn.

"Great, tall, massive stalks laden with bloom."—Ga.

"Morning Splendor is a very, very outstanding Iris."—Ohio.

"My best American Iris, it is truly wonderful."—Ill.

"Easily my most beautiful Iris this year and in fast company too."—Ia.

"The outstanding Iris of my collection."—Wash.

"I am delighted with Morning Splendor—a great Iris."—England.

"Has greater future prospects than any Iris we know."—N. Y.

NIMBUS—A tall Trojana cross with Light Lobelia Violet standards having a darker thread edge. Falls Cotinga Purple. A flower of great distinction, making a splendid if somewhat somber mass in the garden. Flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches high on stems that have reached 44 inches. Fragrant.

ORCHID—An earlier introduction of Pallida-Variegata origin, antedating the activities of the American Iris Society. Standards pass from Deep Olive-Buff at base to Ecru-Drab tinged with lavender at tip; falls from pale yellow on haft through Pale Smoke-Gray and Light Heliotrope-Gray to Deep Vinaceous Lavender. Medium sized flower on stems about 3 feet high.

PENSAMIENTO—Like the preceding this is an earlier introduction. Color much like Perfection but richer and blooms later, beginning as the latter ends. Standards Bluish Lavender, rather erect and more or less fluted; falls Blackish Violet somewhat reddened, and bordered Bluish Lavender, wide-spreading to nearly horizontal. Flowers 5 inches across. Spathe valves much inflated. Name suggested by the rich pansy-like effect of the falls. Height 2 feet.

SEQUOIAH—H.M., A.I.S., 1924—Of Ambassadeur type but richer colored, large flowered and tall. Standards Light Vinaceous Lilac at tip blending downward to Tawny Olive near the base. Falls Pansy Purple shading to velvety Blackish Red-Purple narrowly bordered Purplish Vinaceous. In texture the standards give one the impression of shot silk and the falls of rich velvet. A splendid combination of good qualities derived from Julia Marlowe and an unnamed seedling of the type of Iris King. Among the best.

SIR GALAHAD—Color and size like Magnifica but with us a much better grower and of greatly improved substance so that the standards remain erect in rain better than most varieties. Flowers have attained the height of 6 inches with standards 3 inches across and the whole effect is very massive. Mauve and Pansy Violet. Fragrant. Over 3 feet. Leafage like Dalmatica.

SOLANA—A tall Variegata. Standards Lemon Chrome and falls Bordeaux. Somewhat on the order of Knysna but with more solid falls and heavier built flowers. Very free flowering on low-branching stems that carry up to 15 flowers. Height 3 feet.

TROPIC SEAS—H.M., A.I.S., 1924—A sister plant to Morning Splendor and Julia Marlowe, representing the blue extreme as Morning Splendor represents the red extreme of this family. Standards Dauphin's Violet. Falls velvety Mulberry Purple to Hematoxylon Violet, giving a very deep blue-purple general effect, and conspicuously lit up by the rich golden beard. A large flower on stems 45 to 50 inches high and a splendid grower. Fragrant.

VIRGINIA MOORE—H.M., A.I.S., 1920—*"The largest and finest deep yellow"*—Wayman in **Flower Grower** for Oct. 1925. A tall yellow self whose Lemon Chrome, identical with that of the Lemon Lily (*Hemerocallis flava*), is well described as *"A particularly luminous yellow that glows in the twilight as if compelling the sunlight to linger a while after it has departed from the rest of the garden."* Height 30 to 34 inches.